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AMENDMENT NO. _____ Calendar No. _____

Purpose: To prohibit the availability of funds for retirement of E-8 JSTARS aircraft.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES—115th Cong., 1st Sess.

H. R. 2810

To authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2018 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on _____ and ordered to be printed

Ordered to lie on the table and to be printed

AMENDMENT intended to be proposed by Mr. ISAKSON (for himself and Mr. PERDUE) to the amendment (No. _____) proposed by Mr. MCCAIN

Viz:

1 At the end of subtitle D of title I, add the following:

2 **SEC. ____ . PROHIBITION ON AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS FOR**

3 **RETIREMENT OF E-8 JSTARS AIRCRAFT.**

4 (a) PROHIBITION ON AVAILABLE OF FUNDS FOR RE-

5 TIREMENT.—No funds authorized to be appropriated by

6 this Act or otherwise made available for fiscal year 2018

7 for the Air Force may be obligated or expended to retire,

8 prepare to retire, or place in storage or on backup aircraft

9 inventory status any E-8 JSTARS aircraft.

1 (b) ADDITIONAL LIMITATIONS ON RETIREMENT.—

2 (1) IN GENERAL.—In addition to the limitation
3 in subsection (a), during the period before December
4 31, 2018, the Secretary of the Air Force may not
5 retire, prepare to retire, or place in storage or on
6 backup flying status any E-8 JSTARS aircraft.

7 (2) MINIMUM INVENTORY REQUIREMENT.—The
8 Secretary of the Air Force shall ensure the Air
9 Force maintains the entire current fleet of E-8 air-
10 craft as primary mission aircraft inventory.

11 (c) PROHIBITION ON AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS FOR
12 SIGNIFICANT REDUCTIONS IN MANNING LEVELS.—No
13 funds authorized to be appropriated by this Act of other-
14 wise made available for fiscal year 2018 for the Air Force
15 may be obligated or expended to make significant reduc-
16 tions to manning levels with respect to any E-8 JSTARS
17 aircraft wing or squadron.

18 (d) ADDITIONAL LIMITATION ON SIGNIFICANT RE-
19 Ductions IN MANNING LEVELS.—In addition to the limi-
20 tation in subsection (c), during the period before Decem-
21 ber 31, 2018, the Secretary of the Air Force may not
22 make significant reductions to manning levels with respect
23 to any E-8 JSTARS wing or squadron.

1 **SEC. ____ . REQUIREMENT FOR CONTINUATION OF E-8**
2 **JSTARS RECAPITALIZATION PROGRAM.**

3 The Secretary of the Air Force shall continue the cur-
4 rent recapitalization plan for the E-8C JSTARS fleet
5 until the Secretary of Defense certifies that a new ap-
6 proach would not result in increased capability gaps in
7 Battlefield Management, Command and Control/Intel-
8 ligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance (BMC2/ISR).